Application No. Applicant(s) 10/633,912 HUNTER, ROBERT M. Interview Summary Examiner Art Unit 3681 Rodney H. Bonck All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel): (1) Rodney H. Bonck. (3)_____. (2) _____. Date of Interview: 09 February 2005. Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference c) Personal [copy given to: 1) □ applicant 2) applicant's representative Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If Yes, brief description: . Claim(s) discussed: 1-20. Identification of prior art discussed: Elliott('198), Chartier('896), Shinozaki et al. ('798). Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A. Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The examiner agreed that the Elliott reference had been misinterpreted and that rejections involving Elliott would be withdrawn. Agreed that the claims as amended in the attached copy of the claims distinguish over the art of record. (A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.) THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE

INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by
 attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does
 not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed.
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
 - (The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A foot activated device for motorcycle clutches, the device having a foot pedal and a clutch activating link, the device having a shaft connecting the foot pedal to the clutch activating link, the device also having an pawl and ratchet escapement cooperating with mounted on the shaft to have possed foot prossure on the foot pedal selectively hold the device in a clutch disengaging position. And a Can that we have the particular disengage the power and market as a personne to further foot pedal to the foot pedal which disengage the power and the poot pedal foot pedal.

Claim 3 (currently amended). The device of claim 2 1 wherein the pawl and ratchet holds the device locked in a clutch disengaging position in response to foot pressure on the foot pedal.

Claim 4 (original). The device of claim 3 wherein the pawl and ratchet release the shaft to return the device to an unlocked position in response to foot pressure on the foot pedal.

Claim 5 (original). The device of claim-3 wherein the device has a cam that moves the pawl and ratchet out of cooperation with the shaft to selectively release the device from a locked clutch disengaging position.

Claim 6 (original). The device of claim 5 wherein the cam moves the pawl and ratchet from a locked clutch disengaging position in response to foot pressure on the foot pedal.

Claim 7 (original). The device of claim 8 wherein the device may be returned to a clutch engaging position by release of foot pressure on the foot pedal.

Claim 8 (original). The device of claim 8 wherein the pawl is mounted on a piston and wherein the piston is displaced by the cam to move the pawl out of cooperation with the shaft in response to foot pressure on the foot pedal.

Claim 9 (original). The device of claim 8 wherein the device has a spring cooperating with the piston, the spring operating to return the piston to a position to reengage the ratchet on an additional cycle of use.

Claim 10 (original). The device of claim 1 wherein the device may be retrofit to motorcycles provided with hand clutch mechanisms.

Claim 11 (currently amended). A foot operated clutch activating device for motorcycle clutches which may be retrofit to hand clutched motorcycles comprising a foot operated lever, the foot operated lever having a foot pedal, the device having a clutch activating link, the clutch activating link being connected to the foot operated lever by an intermediate lever, the foot operated lever and the intermediate lever being connected to a transverse shaft at a first end of the transverse shaft, the device having a shaft housing and having a second end of the transverse shaft received in the shaft housing, the shaft housing also having an pawl and ratchet escapement therein, the pawl and ratchet escapement ecoperating with mounted on the transverse shaft whereby the device may be latched in a clutch disengaging position on operation of the foot operated lever and a came that

mores the paw axially along the shaft to response to butter lost mossure on the food operated lever.

Claim 12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (currently amended). The device of claim 12 11 wherein the pawl and ratchet holds the transverse shaft locked in a clutch disengaging position in response to operation of the foot operated lever by positive pressure on the foot pedal.

Claim 14 (original). The device of claim 13 wherein the pawl and ratchet release the transverse shaft to return the device to an unlatched position in response to further positive pressure on the foot pedal.

Claim 15 (original). The device of claim 13 wherein the shaft housing has a cam therein, the cam moving the pawl and ratchet out of cooperation with the transverse shaft on further positive pressure on the foot pedal to return the device to an unlatched position.

Claim 16 (original). The device of claim 15 wherein the device may be returned to a clutch engaging position by release of positive pressure on the foot pedal.

Claim 17 (original). The device of claim 15 wherein the shaft housing has a transverse plunger mounted therein, the transverse plunger having the pawl mounted on a first end of the transverse plunger, the transverse plunger having a second end, the cam cooperating with the second end of the transverse plunger to move the plunger and move the pawl to unlatch the device.

Claim 18 (original). The device of claim 17 wherein the transverse plunger has a return spring.

Claim 19 (original). The device of claim 11 wherein the device has a mounting plate, the transverse shaft being mounted through the mounting plate.

Claim 20 (currently amended). A foot operated clutch activating device for motorcycle clutches for retrofitting hand clutched motorcycles comprising foot operated means for engaging and disengaging a motorcycle clutch, the device having means for mounting the device to a motorcycle, the foot operated means including pedal means mounted on a shaft responsive to positive foot pressure for disengaging a motorcycle clutch, the foot operated means further including means a pawl and ratchet escapement mounted on the shaft for locking the device in a clutch disengaging position, the foot operated means also including means responsive to positive foot pressure on the pedal means for unlocking the device and returning the device to a clutch engaging position, whereby the clutch of a motorcycle may be selectively engaged and disengaged and may be held in a disengaged position without manual input from a motorcycle rider.